

Caribbean Solid Waste Management Issues

**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
US Territory of the Virgin Islands**

Key Solid Waste Issues in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands

- **Puerto Rico**
 - **Approved Solid Waste (SW) program (1994)**
 - **32 landfills/open dumps**
- **Virgin Islands**
 - **SW program not yet approved (only state program in US without EPA approval)**
 - **Due to seismic zone issues, without program approval, VI is prohibited from constructing new landfills or laterally expanding existing ones**
 - **2 landfills/open dumps**
- **No other disposal options currently available (e.g., incineration/Waste-to-Energy)**
- **Impending Capacity Crisis**
- **Ongoing Compliance Issues**
- **Planning/Infrastructure/Financing Difficulties**